

In the Specification:

Pursuant to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application dated March 15, 2002, please amend the specification as follows:

Page 4, lines 11-19:

Fig. 2 illustrates a prior art remote management configuration for the computer system 100. A motherboard 101 provides structural and base electrical support for the south bridge 112, the PCI bus 110, the PCI connector 111, the SMBus 115, and sensors 103A and 103B. The NIC 109, a removable add-in card, couples to the motherboard 101, the PCI bus 110, and the SMBus 115 through the PCI connector 111. The NIC 109 includes an Ethernet controller 105 and an ASF microcontroller 107. The Ethernet controller 105 communicates with a remote management server 90, passing management data and commands between the ASF microcontroller 107 and the remote management server 90. The remote management server 90 is external to the computer system 100.

Please amend the entire "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" section beginning on page 8, line 17 through page 10, line ²⁴~~17~~, as follows:

The invention may be understood by reference to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference numerals identify similar elements, and in which: